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CONSIDERATION OF RULE 47 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Note by the secretariat

1. At its second session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), by decision 21/COP.2[1], decided to replace the marginal note, the title and paragraph 1 of rule 47 of the rules of procedure by the text reproduced in the annex, and requested the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure on the agenda of its third session.

2. The secretariat transmitted, annexed to ICCD/COP(3)/13, the text of rule 47 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, as amended by decision 21/COP.2.

3. By its decision 19/COP.3[2], the Conference of the Parties requested the President of the Conference of the Parties at its third session to continue consultations on the outstanding issue relating to rule 47 of the rules of procedure, and to report on the result of his consultations to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session.

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[1] For decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its second session, see ICCD/COP(2)/14/Add.1.

[2] For decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its third session, see ICCD/COP(3)/20/Add.1.

4. At its fourth session, the Conference of the Parties took note of the report from the secretariat contained in ICCD/COP(4)/7, and having heard the report of the President of the Conference of the Parties at its third session on the result of his consultations on the outstanding issue related to rule 47 of the rules of procedure, requested the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure on the agenda of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (decision 19/COP.4)[1].

5. The text of rule 47 of the rules of procedure as amended by decision 21/COP.2 is attached to ICCD/COP(3)/13.

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[1] For decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session, see ICCD/COP(4)/11/Add.1.